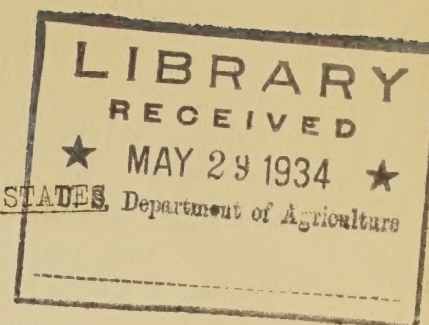


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EMERGENCY DROUGHT COUNTIES DESIGNATED IN NORTHWEST STATES, Department of Agriculture

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One hundred twenty-one counties in the States of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota have been officially designated as "emergency drought counties" in which first work on the proposed surplus cattle removal program for distressed areas will be undertaken, and in which modifications of planting restrictions on farms under adjustment contracts will become effective immediately, it was announced today by Chester C. Davis, Administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

An additional ninety counties in these States and in Wisconsin, Montana, and Wyoming have been designated "secondary drought counties". The modifications of contract planting restrictions will become effective at once in these "secondary" drought areas, but the cattle purchase program will not extend to them at this time.

"In order to place our relief programs in operation with the greatest possible speed, we have made initial designations of those counties in which conditions of drought are most acute", said Mr. Davis. Prospects for 1934 crops are extremely poor in the counties named on the emergency list. Feed supplies are exhausted, and immediate reduction of livestock numbers, particularly cattle, is necessary to prevent starvation.

Drought has seriously affected crop prospects in the counties which have been placed on the secondary list, but conditions are less severe than in the emergency sections. Modification of contract planting restrictions will, however, become effective in these secondary counties immediately.

If the drought continues, and developments warrant such action, both the emergency and the secondary lists of counties will be expanded to include additional counties, not only in the states already named but in other areas as well. A special committee is now working on designation of other secondary counties from which complete reports have not been received.

Counties designated as "emergency" areas, in which the cattle purchase program will be undertaken and planting modifications will also become immediately effective, are:





MINNESOTA: -- Benton, Big Stone, Chippewa, Douglas, Grant, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Otter Tail, Pope, Sherburne, Stearns, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wilkin, Yellow Medicine.

NORTH DAKOTA: -- Adams, Benson, Bottineau, Burke, Burleigh, Cavalier, Dickey, Divide, Dunn, Eddy, Emmons, Foster, Grant, Hettinger, Kidder, Logan, McHenry, McIntosh, McKenzie, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Mountrail, Nelson, Oliver, Pembina, Pierce, Ramsey, Ransom, Renville, Richland, Rolette, Sargent, Sheridan, Sioux, Towner, Walsh, Ward, Wells, Williams.

SOUTH DAKOTA: -- Armstrong, Aurora, Beadle, Bennett, Brookings, Brown, Brule, Buffalo, Butte, Campbell, Charles Mix, Clark, Codington, Corson, Davison, Day, Deuel, Dewey, Douglas, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Gregory, Haakon, Hamlin, Hand, Hanson, Harding, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jackson, Jerauld, Jones, Kingsbury, Lake, Lawrence, Lyman, McCook, McPherson, Marshall, Meade, Mellette, Miner, Moody, Pennington, Perkins, Potter, Roberts, Sanborn, Shannon, Spink, Stanley, Sully, Todd, Tripp, Walworth, Washabaugh, Washington, Ziebach.

The 90 additional counties which, together with the 121 designated as "emergency" areas make up the present "secondary" list of 211 counties in the drought area, are:

MINNESOTA:-- Anoka, Becker, Chisago, Clay, Hennepin, Isanti, Kanabec, Meeker, Murray, Norman, Pine, Pipestone, Ramsey, Redwood, Renville, Wadena, Washington, Wright.

NORTH DAKOTA: -- Barnes, Billings, Bowman, Cass, Golden Valley, Grand Forks, Griggs, La Moure, Slope, Stark, Steele, Stutsman, Traill.

SOUTH DAKOTA: -- Bon Homme, Clay, Custer, Fall River, Lincoln, Minnehaha, Turner, Union, Yankton.

WISCONSIN: -- Barren, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Price, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor, Trempealeau, Washburn, Waupaca, Wood.

MONTANA: -- Carter, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, Golden Valley, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Treasure, Valley, Wibaux.

WYOMING: -- Campbell, Crook, Weston.

Previously announced administrative rulings which modify contract restrictions to permit increased planting of forage crops become effective at once in all counties on the "secondary" list, with planting date restrictions effective in certain counties on planting of corn for forage. Additional administrative rulings will modify the restrictions of the corn and wheat contracts to permit pasturing of crops in the "con-







tracted" or "rented" acres which have been withdrawn from basic crop production under these contracts in the drought counties.

Planting of corn for forage is permitted in certain designated counties of the drought area only after definite "earliest" dates, in order to guard against possible maturing of grain crops in violation of the basic crop reduction principles of the contracts. Planting of corn for forage is unrestricted in counties not designated for the planting date restrictions.

Counties for which earliest planting dates for corn under the contract modifications have been established are:

MINNESOTA (On or after June 1, 1934) -- Anoka, Big Stone, Chippewa, Chisago, Douglas, Grant, Hennepin, Isanti, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Meeker, Murray, Pipestone, Pope, Ramsey, Redwood, Renville, Sherburne, Stearns, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Washington, Wright, Yellow Medicine.

WISCONSIN (On or after June 1, 1934) -- Buffalo, Jackson, Pepin, Pierce, Portage, Trempealeau, Waupaca, Wood.

SOUTH DAKOTA (On or after June 1, 1934) -- Aurora, Beadle, Brookings, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clark, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Douglas, Grant, Gregory, Hamlin, Hand, Hanson, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Lyman, McCook, Mellette, Moody, Miner, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Todd, Tripp.

SOUTH DAKOTA (On or after June 10, 1934) -- Bon Homme, Clay, Lincoln, Minnehaha, Turner, Union, Yankton.

Details of the plans for removal of surplus cattle from the emergency areas will be completed and announced in the very near future. In general, the plan calls for purchase of cattle on the farms by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The cattle would be disposed of in three general ways: for processing and distribution by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration to families on relief rolls; condemnation and disposal at the farm in cases where animals are found to be unfit for food usage; and return to farms of "subsistence" units of cattle under the direction of the Relief Administration.

State emergency drought directors, working with advisory state committees and special county committees to handle the actual field work, will supervise the local administration of the drought programs which are to be carried out in the emergency areas by the Adjustment Administration and the Department of Agriculture. They will also cooperate with other Federal and state representatives in developing and administering the correlated program of Federal aid for farmers in the stricken districts.

Representatives of the Administration are leaving tonight to cooperate with the state drought directors in the northwest states. They are C. D. Lowe, O. S. Fisher, K. F. Warner, and William Jackson, specialists of the Department.



